GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5422
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PASSPORT CHARGES
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed different rates for issuing Passport ranging from Rs.1500/- to Rs.3000/- depending upon the time taken to arrange it;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue Passports to its applicants within a stipulated period at normal charges;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a)&(b) In recognition of the genuine need of some passport applicants for out-of-turn issue of passports, the Tatkaal Scheme has been implemented with effect from 1.1.2000. The Tatkaal Scheme is applicable only in cases of genuine urgency where either police verification is not required or where a passport can be issued on post police verification basis along with the submission of a verification certificate issued by an officer of the rank of Deputy Secretary and above to Government of India.Passports under this Scheme are issued on payment of an additional fee of Rs.1500/- for a passport to be issued within ten days of receipt of application and Rs.1000/- for a passport to be issued between 11 and 35 days of the receipt of application.

(c),(d)&(e) It is the Government`s endeavour to issue passports on payment of normal passport fee in 5-6 weeks provided a clear Police Verification Report has been received and the application is complete in all other respects and no out-of-turn service is to be provided.